



CONTRACT & PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR
RENEE WERSCH, CPPO

Renee lives with her husband, Roger in Westminster with their 2 miniature schnauzer kids (shhhhh, they don't know they're dogs). Two of their sons live in the Denver area, 2 other sons live in Dallas and they also have 8 grandchildren. In her free time, Renee enjoys spending time with her grandkids, knitting, crocheting, quilting and making jewelry.

Renee is a Colorado native, born in San Luis Valley, but moved to Denver with her family in 1960, where she attended North High School. Renee's work history varied from her first job as a carhop for A&W Root Beer, to a Drywall Finisher, Painter and Wallpaper Hanger. She also served 4 years in the Air Force before enrolling in Court Reporting School. That didn't work out, so she tried Denver Business College, which turned out to be her segue into the business world. Continuing her education, Renee received a BA in Business Administration from Columbia College in 1990, then in 1992 her Paralegal certificate from Denver Paralegal Institute, and in 1998, Renee earned her Certified Public Purchasing Officer (CPPO) designation from the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council

Beginning her career in Purchasing in 1987 at Martin Marietta as a secretary in the Purchasing Department, she was soon promoted to Expeditor and a short time later to Buyer. In 1994, Renee went to work for the State of Colorado at Front Range Community College as Purchasing Supervisor, a year later another opportunity opened up and she spent the next 11 years working for Adams County School District 50 as Purchasing and Warehouse Supervisor. Unable to stay away, Renee returned to work for the State at Colorado Community College System office in May 2006. But again, one year later, another great opportunity brought her to the Department of Personnel and Administration, Executive Office where she has found a home as the Contract and Procurement Director.

In her capacity as the Contract and Procurement Director, Renee is responsible for the oversight and supervision of the Contract and Administration staff who perform all the duties required to procure goods and services for the Executive Office which includes the Office of Administrative Courts Ombuds and CSEAP; Division of Central Services including Fleet Management, Capital Complex, IDS Pueblo/North Campus, Mail Services and Travel Management; Division of Finance and Procurement including Collections, State Purchasing, Office of the State Controller and the Office of State Architect; and Division of Human Resources. Additionally, Renee writes procedures and trains staff on best practices for spending taxpayers' monies in accordance with State Statutes, Fiscal Rules and Procurement Code.

Renee is a member of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and the Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA), the local chapter of NIGP. She has served as Secretary, Vice President, President, Past President and Professional Development Committee Chair. Renee was awarded Manager of the Year by her peers in RMGPA in March of 2005 and a Certificate of Excellence in Public Procurement in January of 2004 from NIGP.